

**BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY**

SURVEY NO.: B-2172

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0421725711

Address: 344 North Charles Street

Current Name: Maryland State Teachers Assoc.  
Education Center

Block: 580

Lot: 7

Lot size: 37 ft. x 120 ft.

Height: 4

Materials: Brick and stone

Condition: Good

Owner: Md. St. Teachers Assn., Inc.

Use: Commercial

Accessible: yes, restricted

Designation:

Liber/Folio: JFC 806/417



Historic Name: Hopper McGaw &amp; Co., grocers

Date: 1906

Architect/Builder: Alfred H. Taylor, arch.

Style (if appropriate): Classical Revival

**Description:** The Charles Street facade is one bay wide and a curving corner entrance bay swings around to the Mulberry Street elevation, which has five bays. The first floor display windows and entry doors have modern steel and glass replacements. A bronze and glass marquee remains in place over the doorway. The wall surface of the first floor is rusticated granite. Geometric consoles accent the lower cornice. Granite rusticated quoins divide the bays of the upper stories. The wall surface of the bays is flemish bond with random glazed headers. The two bays flanking the corner curve and the west bay on Mulberry Street have two windows while the remainder have one window. These are 12/12 with stone lintels and sills. A heavy curved copper cornice with simple brackets gives an emphatic terminus to the facade.


**Significance:**

Area: architecture

Level: local

The elegant high style facade of the Hopper, McGaw and Company building exemplified the optimistic, expansive mood in both architecture and economics after the 1904 fire. This store was a specialty shop, catering to "the carriage trade" with imported wines, cigars, cheeses, and delicacies of all types. Its corner location on the most important shopping street was exploited with the corner entrance. Alfred H. Taylor was, with his partner Knowles, the architect of the National Mechanics Bank, 222 East Redwood Street and other banks. Hopper McGaw and Company remained in the building until the late 1950's. The present owner, the Maryland State Teachers Association has occupied the building since 1960.

**Sources:** BS, 3-1-06; land records**Surveyor and Date:** Janet Davis, March 1985



Baltimore Metrocenter Survey  
Cathedral Hill Area  
Hopper McGaw & Co.  
344 North Charles Street  
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Hopper, McGaw & Co. B-2172  
344 North Charles Street  
Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey  
Baltimore (City), Maryland  
Photo: Janet Davis  
Date: August 1984  
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust  
Northeast corner view

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

Block  
580  
lot 7

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON: Md. State Teachers Association					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: 344 Charles St.					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY:		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)		<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Maryland State Teachers Association Inc.					
STREET AND NUMBER: 344 N. Charles St.					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland		21201
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Records Office, Room 601					
STREET AND NUMBER: Baltimore City Courthouse					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland		21202
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): JFC 806-417					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY: City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation					
STREET AND NUMBER: Room 900, 26 S. Calvert St.					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland		21202

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This is a semi-detached corner building of four stories and 5 bays of common English bond brick. There is a granite unchanneled watertable and a metal cornice around the top from which a parapet projects. There are two rows of horizontal stone blocks between the bays. Each block is separated by alternating courses of headers and stretchers. On the Mulberry street side the first floor is of channeled masonry with rectangular windows (2 panes, the top smaller) divided by stone representing straight arches with a keystone. On the second floor are ten windows all having flat arches of concrete and concrete sills. The third floor is the same as the first, as is the fourth. The entrance is on the corner of Charles and Mulberry. It is a rectangular doorway with no transom, no vestibule, an inner door, and a store front. Above the door is a keystone flanked by two cornices and a window on each story above corresponding to the Mulberry street side. The side facing Charles is the same as that of the Mulberry street side. There is a projecting metal covering over the corner entrance.</p>	

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

see 512 (ATNed) (A)

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

37 x 120

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Nancy Venditti, Amanda McQuiddy, Achsah O'Donovan

ORGANIZATION

CHAP

DATE

11/20/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

265 Culvert Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

## 12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

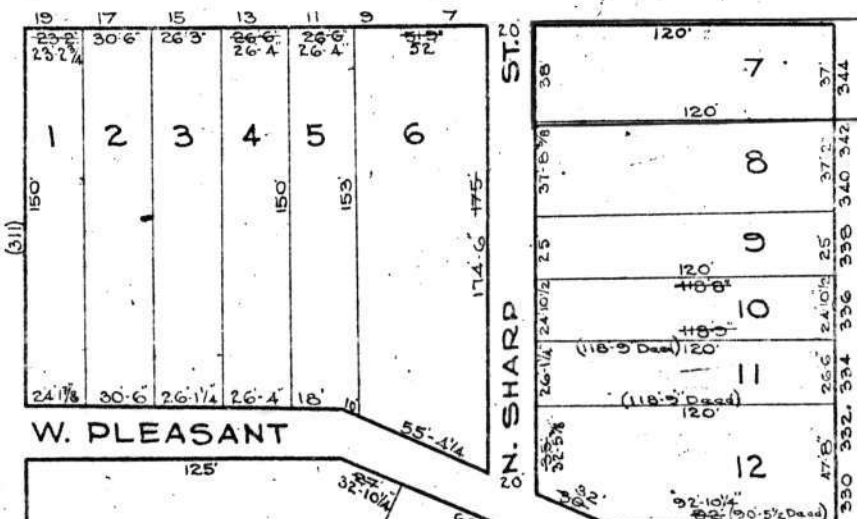
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W. MULBERRY

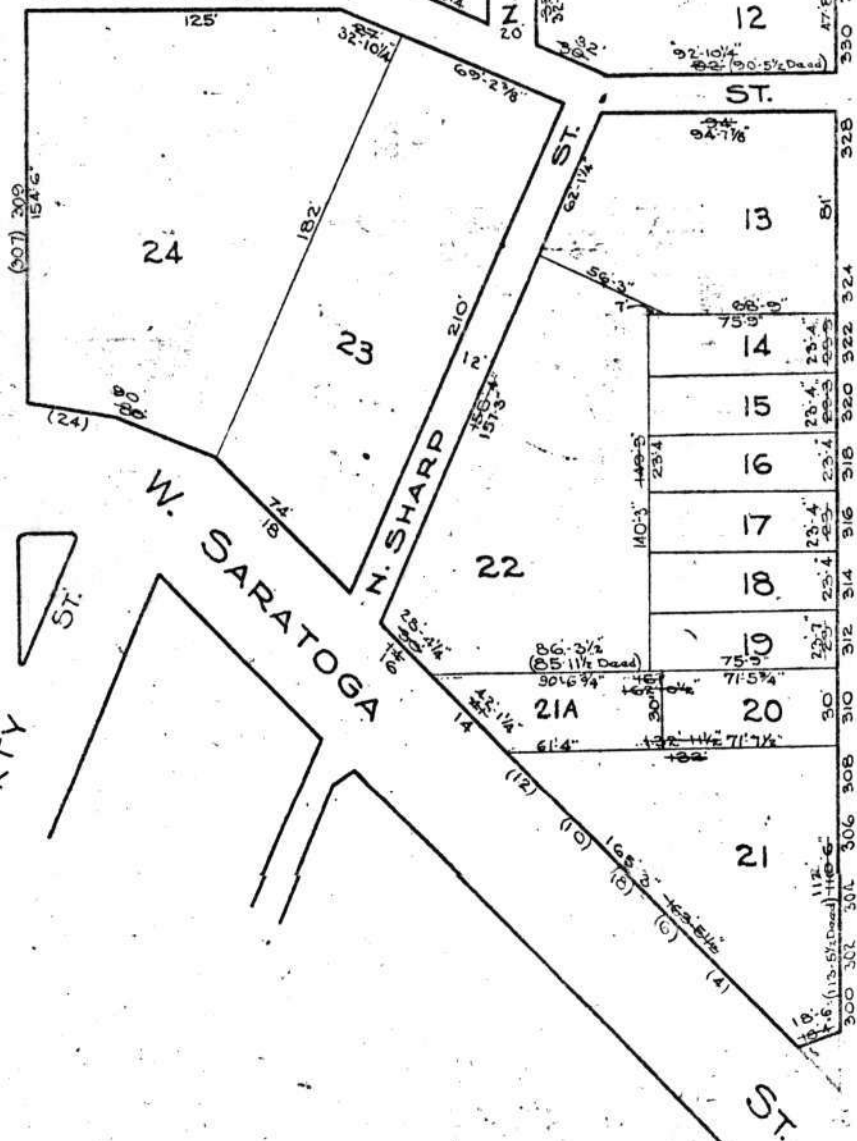
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W. PLEASANT

CATHEDRAL



N. LIBERTY

W. SARATOGA

N. CHARLES

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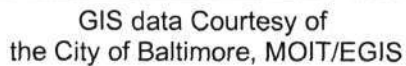
CITY OF BALTIMORE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUREAU OF PLANS & SURVEYS  
PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION

WARD 4 SECTION 2  
BLOCK 580

SCALE 1"=50 FT. DATE May 1977

BY MICGREHEAD  
LETTERED BY J. J. ROKOSKY  
CHECKED BY W. M. Lee  
5-17-77 - G. J. M.

Hopper McGaw & Company Grocers Building (Maryland State Teachers Association)  
344 N. Charles Street  
Block 0580 Lot 007  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad





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